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1. The Czechoslovak-Soviet Trade Treaty is a five-year arrangement providing for the exchange of goods amounting to 25,000,000,000 crowns. The Soviets have specified that they will require machinery and steel products valued at 11,547,000,000 crowns; the remainder will be in sugar, glass, paper, chemicals, rubber shoes, etc., with the exact amounts to be decided upon at future negotiations.
2. The Czechoslovaks are to ship to the USSR 11,000,000,000 crowns worth of machine products (locomotives, pumps, compressors, dredges, tractors, transformers, machine tools, etc.), beginning with 1,800,000,000 crowns worth during 1948; and steel products valued at 547,000,000 crowns, beginning with 1949.
3. The principal item of the steel products is piping, valued at 312,000,000 crowns, or about 50,000 tons. This represents approximately forty percent of Czechoslovakia's capacity for manufacturing piping, including boiler pipes, and will seriously hamper the country's ability to produce power plants for export. Other steel products are 215,000,000 crowns in rails, and 20,000,000 crowns in railway trucks. These articles are to be shipped as follows, with values given in millions of crowns:

	1949	1950	1951	1952
Steel pipings	59.5	59.5	96.5	96.5
Rails (amounts as given)	50.	55.	35.	30.
Railway trucks	10.	10.		

4. According to trade treaty arrangements, shipments of grain from the USSR will take care of about forty percent of Soviet commitments. The price of Soviet wheat as delivered at the Czechoslovak border will be 610 crowns per quintal.

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